

Association for the Prevention of Consumption and other forms of Tuberculosis
IN THE COUNTY OF SALOP AND THE HUNDRED OF MAELOR.

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Dear Sir.

You will see from the enclosed leaflet the main objects with which this Association was formed last year. At present the organization consists of President, Vice Presidents & General Committee chosen steps as far from the point of view of gathering in the whole country & as much money as possible. The working Executive Committee consists of people who have been instrumental in starting the association:

The main point of the organization in the County is, I think, the formation of small local committees to take over the ~~area~~ management of districts within the County such districts consisting wherever practicable of the existing local districts, for example in this

County; the Ellersmere rural district, Ludlow rural D.

Wellington Rural, etc. In cases where it is considered

that such districts are too large they have been divided. The duties of such local committees have been made to be:

- ① to collect subscriptions (especially the small ones)
- ② to assist in the selection of cases for the Sanatorium treatment -
- ③ to assist in the after-care of such cases
- ④ to assist in the help in their own homes of those unfit for sanatorium treatment -
- ⑤ generally to carry out the objects of the Association.

Great stress has been laid upon the necessity of working through those who know & are known by the people as being the most likely way of getting hold of the patients early. and for the same reason, stress has been laid upon the sanatoriums being built in

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the County and for the County only. The difficulty
of persuading early cases to go off to a distant
Sanatorium about which they know nothing is one.
Which is my great & which we hope to get over by
this way & by encouraging the very poor to give
something too even 1^d or 2^d towards their own Sanatorium.

There are no actual rules & regulations made as
present as regard admittance & maintenance how-
ever I think I can put out the feelings of the Committee on several
points.

- ① There will be no letters of recommendation: such system
causing delay in admittance & trouble in choosing the
correct cases.
- ② all patients will be ~~made~~ expected to pay what they or
their friends can afford towards their maintenance, at
both full sum. estimated at 20/- & 25/- per week.

this gives us the chance of helping the class of poor clerks
& higher rank people who at present are badly off.
- no difference will be made in the treatment & accommodation

③ The cases for admittance to the lunatic will have to
appear before a central medical board. Such will
meet at convenient dates. (once a week or fortnightly).
& will have to be sent from local committees on which
the local medical men will serve.

In the country especially it is very difficult for local
medical men to decide upon the claims for admission
especially from the point of view of opposing their own
private patients who work to get dependants admitted
we hope by means of this central ^{medical} ~~com~~ board to get over this.

④ The question of reserving beds for certain districts or private
subscribers has been raised but I think will fall through
owing to the obvious disadvantages. People wishing to endow
a bed will only have the privilege of giving it their name.

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③ medical staff: we shall have a resident medical man. with a salary of £200 - £250. and the central medical board; some one or more of whom will be visiting medical officers or committees. on this point I should be very glad of your opinion as to the best plan. It is difficult to avoid either multiplying the medical ^{consulting} men at the hospitals & getting no settled scheme of treatment. or giving offence to prominent medical men in the County. My own fingers lean towards 1. Consulting or visiting man. & then the medical board behind him.

I am afraid that this is not a very clear description of our organization. the points which the committee

consider the most important are the fact that it is
a County association & that local committees all
working under the central committee but with as free
a hand as possible. all payments are made from
the central committee & all subscriptions paid to the
central fund: - a good deal of direction will be left to
the local societies to disburse funds. -

The work in the people's own homes will consist of erecting
shelters, where possible, suggesting alterations in living rooms,
obtaining more suitable work, etc. besides the usual attempts
at educating them in modes of cleanliness &c.

I shall at any time be glad to give any information and
shall be very glad of any suggestions.

Yours truly

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